

**ENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING/BUDGET REVIEW SESSION
THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2016**

A Special Meeting of the Enfield Town Council was called to order by Chairman Kaupin in the Enfield Room of the Enfield Town Hall, 820 Enfield Street, Enfield, Connecticut on Thursday, March 31, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL-CALL – Present were Councilors Arnone, Cekala, Deni, Edgar, Hall, Kaupin, Lee, Stokes and Szewczak. Councilors Bosco and Sarno were absent. Councilor Cekala left at 8:03 p.m., Councilor Edgar at 8:30 p.m., Councilor Deni at 8:35 p.m. Also present Town Manager Lee Erdmann, Acting Assistant Town Manager – Development Services Peer Bryanton, Acting Director of Finance John Wilcox, Judge of Probate Timothy Keeney, Director of Libraries Jason Neely, Acting Assistant Library Director Katie Werth, Director of EMS Gary Wiemokly, EMS Captain Erin Maloney, Recreation Supervisor Mary Keller, Assistant Recreation Supervisor Alison Alberghini-Durler, Town Clerk Suzanne Olechnicki.

RESOLUTION #3578 by Councilor Arnone, seconded by Councilor Stokes

WHEREAS, Federal monies are available under the Connecticut Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program, administered by the State of Connecticut, Department of Housing pursuant to Public Law 93 -3 83, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 127c, and Part VI of Chapter 130 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Commissioner of the Department of Housing is authorized to disburse such Federal monies to local municipalities; and,

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Town of Enfield make application to the State for \$500,000 in order to undertake a Small Cities Community Development Program and to execute an Assistance Agreement therefore, should one be offered; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Enfield Town Council:

1. That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for State Assistance imposed by Part VI of Chapter 130 of The Connecticut General Statutes; and,
2. That the filing of an application by the Town of Enfield in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 for Public Housing Modernization is hereby approved, and that the Town Manager is hereby authorized and directed to file such application with the Commissioner of the Department of Housing, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required by the Commissioner, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if

such an Agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, rescissions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the Town of Enfield.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #3578** adopted by a 9-0-0 vote.

RESOLUTION #3579 by Councilor Arnone, seconded by Councilor Stokes

WHEREAS, All persons are afforded a right to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice; and

WHEREAS, Federal fair housing laws require that all individuals, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin be given equal access to all housing-related opportunities, including rental and homeownership opportunities, and be allowed to make free choices regarding housing location; and

WHEREAS, Connecticut fair housing laws require that all individuals, regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, marital status, age, lawful source of income, familial status, learning disability, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity or expression be given equal access to all housing-related opportunities, including rental and home ownership opportunities, and be allowed to make free choices regarding housing location; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Enfield is committed to upholding these laws, and realizes that these laws must be supplemented by an Affirmative Statement publicly endorsing the right of all people to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town of Enfield hereby endorses a Fair Housing Policy to ensure equal opportunity for all persons to rent, purchase, obtain financing and enjoy all other housing-related services of their choice on a non-discriminatory basis as provided by state and federal law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the chief executive officer of the Town of Enfield or his/her designated representative is responsible for responding to and assisting any person who alleges to be the victim of an illegal discriminatory housing practice in the Town of Enfield and for advising such person of the right to file a complaint with the State of Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) or to seek assistance from the CT Fair Housing Center, legal services, or other fair housing organizations to protect his or her right to equal housing opportunities.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #3579** adopted by a 9-0-0 vote.

RESOLUTION #3580 by Councilor Szewczak, seconded by Councilor Arnone

WHEREAS, that the Town Council of the Town of Enfield values the opinions and comments of its constituents; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Chapter VI, Section 4, of the Enfield Town Charter, any elector or taxpayer may have an opportunity to be heard regarding appropriations for the ensuing fiscal year and for the purpose of being heard on issues of vital community importance and concern; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council shall conduct a public hearing at the JFK Middle School Auditorium, 155 Raffia Road, Thursday, April 21, 2016 at 7pm.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the order of business of the 2016-2017 budget hearing be arranged as follows:

1. Presentation of the Town Manager's Budget.
2. The Chairman of the Board of Education highlights Education Budget.
3. Comments from members of the public for the first time.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that each speaker be requested to register with the Town Clerk his name and address and that no speaker be allowed to speak more than five minutes each successive time the speaker's name is called. Additionally, any speaker who has not registered with the Town Clerk will be allowed to speak only after those who have registered no longer wish to speak.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #3580** adopted by a 9-0-0 vote.

BUDGET DISCUSSION

The Probate Court, Library, Emergency Medical Services, Recreation, Town Manager, Town Council and Finance departments and divisions were reviewed.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #3581 by Councilor Hall, seconded by Councilor Arnone to adjourn.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3580** adopted 6-0-0, and the meeting stood adjourned at 9:13 p.m.